

PRICE ONE CENT.

EXTRA. 2 O'CLOCK. AT THE ? BUREAU.

Neil Nelson Visits the New Department
in the Post Office.

The Interrogatory Girl Got
There Before Her.

An Illustration of the Courteous
Patience Required by the New
Postal Information Clerks.

The biggest thing in the biggest Post-
Office on the American Continent is a little
cherry cabinet known as the Postal Information
Bureau.

It is located in the Broadway corridor,
as long and wide and twice as tall as a
man, and tattooed with printed notices
concerning the rates of foreign and domestic
postage, local deliveries, arrival and de-
parture of mail trains and steamships, and
the rules governing the registration of
notes, letters and packages, together with a
list of non-mailable merchandise.

This small box of wisdom is in charge of
A. M. Clark, a genial old warrior who wears
long white hair, a wide gold ring and one
of those honest faces that can look calm
and restful and pleasant without a grin, a
frown, a scowl or a smile.

He is an authority on postal lore, and has
for an assistant linguist E. G. Chatham, a
man of many tongues, and W. W. Whitney,
a sort of utilitarian who keeps the records
of the Bureau, investigates matters that
need looking into, and when necessary
chaperones the public to other departments
in the office.

The Bureau is a great institution. It
fills a long felt want. It is admirably
manned, but it is a post not to be envied
unless the incumbent is an applicant for a
permanent residence in a lunatic asylum.

Messrs. Chatham and Whitney have youth
in their favor, but Soldier Clark "was with
Grant," and if the interrogatory per-
secution of the present week continues there
won't be enough of his beautiful white hair
left to make a memory breaspin for his
best girl.

My valentine didn't arrive this year. Its
omission depressed me, and to recover my
native buoyancy I sought the Bureau.

On general principles I hate to have to
wait. It always makes me mad, although I
can be patient with the cashiers of Tux
Wagon.

This morning the source of information
is surrounded, my sex being in the ascen-
dancy and I wait and wonder.

A smart, tart girl at the window going
at Linguist Chatham like a house afire.
She has a high soprano voice and the can-
ny bird trick of cocking her pretty head
on the bias and throwing her eyes about as
she talks:

"Say, now," she begins, "I send news-
papers to Evanston, Ill. every week and
they never get there. It's a perfect shame
and I want to know what's the matter
here."

The clerk looks at him furtively and
meekly answers:

"Nothing. But I don't see why the
papers are not received if you address them
properly and put on enough postage."

"Well, I do address them properly, I
guess, and put lots of stamps on them too,
so now, what have you to say?" and her
eyes shine like a headlight in the engine of
a night express.

"Well, madam," he begins, mellancholously.
"Well, I ain't madam," she interrupts,
with much stress on the final word, and
just as she is about to precipitate matters
the affable veteran sticks his white head
and arm out the next window and po-
litely invites her to—

"Step here, please?" And then he softly
asks if there is anything he can do for her,
and the palpitation under her face sub-
sides, the fire in her dark eyes falls and
the small virago is as mild as a chocolate
cigarette.

"I just wanted to know why my news-
papers don't reach home."

"Are you sure you address and stamp
them properly?"

"Certainly."

"Put them in a stout wrapper?"

"Of course I do. But it doesn't make
any difference, either never gets them. I'll
just get somebody pulls the stamps off, and
then you clerks send them to the Dead
Letter Office."

mad. And you'd have been mad too, I'll
bet."

She pauses for breath and the clerk holds
himself in at the sides to keep from going
to pieces. Then he recovers sufficiently to
pick up a lead pencil, and as he draws a
free-hand spider web on the writing pad,
he says he will make a note of the com-
plaint and file it in the next general report.

She goes off, and a female dog fancier,
who exhibits at every kennel club, takes her
place. She has more wrinkles in her face
than in the plating round her dress; she
asks for "a dollar's worth of five-cent
stamps for foreign letters," and is referred
to the window across the corridor.

Along comes a girl with possible beauty,
a reticent nose, a street-sweeping gown,
and a lump of the new-fashioned coral
chewing gum in her mouth. She carries a
cane-umbrella under her arm, a muff in one
hand and a square box in the other, done
up in a piece of newspaper picturesque
with Spring styles. It is sealed, tied with
rope cord and perforated with airholes.

"Say," addressing herself to Clerk
Chatham, "how shall I send this?" care-
fully placing the box on the window-sill.

"Well, as you have sealed it, you will
have to pay letter postage."

"How much is that, can you tell me?"
He takes it up by the end and the girl
screams out, "Oh, mercy, don't! You'll
ruin it!"

The outcry startles Chief Clerk Clark, to
whom the girl and the mysterious package
are referred.

"What are the contents?" he asks.

"Must I tell?" with arch coquetry, which
is lost on the war-horse.

"It is for your own interest."

"Well, then," making a gay show of red
gum and wetting her lips with that circuit-
ous wave of the tongue so natural to a
woman; "there's a bird and a bottle of
toilet vinegar. Do you think they'll go all
right?"

"I know they won't."

"Mercy, why?"

"Well, in the first place, liquids are un-
mailable."

"Do you consider toilet vinegar unmail-
able?"

"All liquids are."

"But it's just perfume for a bath."

"It's a liquid and that debars it from the
mails."

"Well, how can I send it then? I want
awfully to have it go."

"Better send it by express."

"What's the difference?"

"There isn't very much. I suppose one's
a little safer than the other."

"Which?"

"Well, I should think the express for
non-mailable matter."

"It's a toilet vinegar matter?"

"Oh, yes. Everything is called matter in
the mails."

"You think I'd better send it by ex-
press, do you?"

"Yes."

POINTERS ON THE RACES.

Tipsters' Opinions on the Various
Winners To-Day.

Programme of the Several Events
to Be Run Off.

The card at Cutenburg to-day is a very fair
one, and a large crowd will probably visit
the track this afternoon. Mud horses will
be in demand, for the warm, muggy weather
will have on the frozen track and soften it
up considerably. Nearly all the races are
spraying events. The fifth race will probably
be the best of the day as Rensselaire will
meet Cassius, Terminal, Spaulding and others
at seven furlongs.

The first race is a six-furlong dash. There
isn't a poor lot entered, but the best policy
would be to play the best horse, assuming that
he will not start if not in condition. Canteen
is undoubtedly the best of the lot, and he may
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READY WITH DEATH'S CHAIR.

Slocum and Smiler Have but One
Week More to Live.

A New Death House at Sing Sing
For the Electrocutions.

(SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.)
SING SING, March 7.—There are now six men
in the condemned cells at the prison here,
four of whom are as definitely fixed as the
corner stone, and the last of whom are
awaiting the law's visit, and two whose
lease of life has been prolonged by appeals
yet to be acted upon by the United States Supreme
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WALSH, THE INVINCIBLE, DEAD.

His Sad End in the Flatbush In-
sane Asylum.

The Well-Known Irish Nationalist
Dies of Acute Dementia.

The body of John Walsh, one of the most
noted of Irish nationalists and leader of the
Irish revolution, was taken today to Flatbush Hall,
537 Third Avenue, and then it became known
that he had died in Flatbush insane asylum
last Wednesday.

The news only leaked out through the invita-
tions quietly sent to members of the Irish
Revolutionary Brotherhood to attend the
funeral. Walsh's body will lie at Flatbush
Hall from 2 o'clock to-morrow morning, when
the funeral will be held. Burial will be at
Calvary cemetery.

John Walsh was born near the town of Char-
leville, Cork, Ireland, in 1862, but early migrated
to Milwaukee, in the north of England, where
the greater part of his life was spent as an iron
moulder and a tireless agitator in Irish revolu-
tionary matters.

He entered the English army for a time to
carry on the Fenian agitation among the Irish
soldiers there.

Walsh was associated in his political work
with Michael Davitt, Arthur M. Forrester and
the leading Irish nationalists of England
and Scotland.

The most conspicuous of the several stirring
political episodes in which he figured was the
rescue in 1875 of the Fenian insurgents impris-
oned at Fremantle, Western Australia.

This rescue was planned by the leaders of
the national movement in Ireland upon infor-
mation furnished by an escaped prisoner, and
John Walsh and a single associate were se-
lected as leaders of the enterprise. The rescue
was made by the crew of the ship Calypso,
commanded by Capt. Stone, and fitted out in
the United States.

Still another episode in his life was his active
participation in the disastrous assault upon
Cassidy's men in England, where a large
quantity of arms was stored.

After the Phoenix Park tragedy, in which
Lord Cavendish and Mr. Burke were killed,
in May, 1882, suspicion was directed against
Walsh. He escaped to France with Frank
Byrne and the Fenian Government tried to
have him extradited, but without success.

Walsh then came to this country and took an
active part in the Irish revolutionary move-
ment here. He worked for some time on the
Irish World, and then became a salesman in
the wholesale grocery business.

Walsh never married. He was a fine-looking
man, with unassuming manners and very popu-
lar in Irish political circles.

Walsh, who had been living in Pearl street,
Brooklyn, was taken to the Kings County Hos-
pital Feb. 3 by his cousin, Thomas J. Barton,
of 170 Adams street, Brooklyn. Acute demen-
tia developed, and Feb. 13 he was removed to
the Flatbush insane asylum. He was exam-
ined by Drs. O'Connor and Metcalf, but they
said he was beyond human skill.

At the asylum the name of his next friend
was given as Thomas J. Denney, a clerk in
the Municipal Department of Arrears of
Taxes, Brooklyn.

The committee in charge of the funeral
arrangements is composed of men prominent
in Irish revolutionary work. They are Thomas
H. Monaghan, Joseph B. Weldrick, Thomas J.
Monaghan, John D. Harper, William Lyman,
John S. Mahoney, John P. Keely and J. J.
Mernoy.

Thomas H. Monaghan is an officer of the
Clan-na-Gael. J. J. Mernoy is the invincible
who was arrested in this city on suspicion of
being connected with the murder of Dr.
Crosby in Chicago, but was released.

ENDED HIS LIFE AT LAST.

"Uncle Joe" Wilkinson Studied
the Easiest Way to Die.

Joseph Wilkinson, generally known as
"Uncle Joe," once a wealthy paper manu-
facturer, died at his home, 230 Pacific avenue,
in the Lafayette district, Jersey City, at 3:30
o'clock this morning from the effects of a dose
of morphine.

Three years ago Wilkinson swallowed a quan-
tity of gum opium with suicidal intent, but it
was discovered in time to summon a physician
and save his life.

The other day "Uncle Joe" was observed
to be attentively reading a medical dictionary.
Finally he closed the book and leaned back in
his easy chair with a satisfied look.

"Are you studying medicine?" inquired
a neighbor, who had been chatting with Mr.
Wilkinson.

"I have been trying to find the easiest way
to die, and I have found it," was the answer.
He refused to make any further explanation,
and the fear of his family that he contemplated
suicide which he remarked naturally caused
anxiety.

He ate a hearty supper and seemed in first
rate spirits last evening. After the meal he
said he would take a nap on a sofa in the base-
ment, as he often did.

At 11 o'clock his wife heard moaning and
heavy breathing in the basement. She found
her husband on the sofa in pain. He said he
had taken morphine and wanted to die.

Dr. Lamson was called from his office across
the street, but Wilkinson was then unconscious
and beyond help.

Joseph Wilkinson was sixty-one years old.
He was born near Glen Falls, N. Y., and at
the breaking out of the civil war he was in busi-
ness in South Carolina.

GEN. WALKER ON THE CENSUS.

He Has Taken Censuses Himself
and Knows It All.

An Important Witness Before the
Assembly Committee.

Gen. Francis J. Walker told Assemblyman
Wright Holcomb's Committee on Enumera-
tion, which continued this morning in Part II,
of the Court of Common Pleas its investigation
of New York's census trouble, what he knows
about taking a count of the people. He was
superintendent of the ninth and tenth cen-
suses, and knows just how it should be done.

Mr. Bartlett first called to the stand Police
Capt. Ryan, who testified that the police count
under his supervision was accurate.

Gen. Walker said he was a resident of Bos-
ton. He supervised the taking of the census of
1870 and the National count of inhabitants in
1880. He had made